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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6306

BILL NUMBER: HB 1376

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 17, 2014

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Professional Sports Development Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Harris

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes the Northwest Indiana Professional Sports Development Commission. It authorizes the Commission to study various plans and recommendations that are proposed with respect to attracting a professional sports franchise to northwest Indiana.

The bill also authorizes the Commission to prepare a comprehensive master plan for building the facilities and other infrastructure necessary for attracting and developing one or more professional sports franchises in northwest Indiana.

It creates the Professional Sports Development Fund.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Costs for salary per diem and travel and other direct expenses would be incurred as a result of meetings of the Northwest Indiana Professional Sports Development Commission. The Commission may also incur expenses for staff, studies, publicizing or advertising, and reporting. However, there is no appropriation made for these expenses.

Additional Information- The bill establishes the Northwest Indiana Professional Sports Development Commission consisting of 19 members - the mayors of East Chicago, Gary, Hammond, Michigan City, LaPorte, Portage, and South Bend; one appointee each of the county commissioners and of the county council of Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte County, and St. Joseph County; an appointee of the executive director of the Northwest Indiana Redevelopment Authority; and three members appointed by the Governor.

Members of the Commission who are state employees are entitled to reimbursement of traveling and other direct expenses. Members who are not state employees are entitled to salary per diem and reimbursement of traveling and other direct expenses.

The Commission may employ an executive director and other individuals, and it may contract for staff services. It may also conduct studies and advertise or publicize or report the Commission's purpose, objectives, or findings. The Commission has the authority to receive grants and appropriations and enter into contracts or agreements to use the grants or appropriations. It can acquire and dispose of real property and hold, use, improve, maintain, operate, own, manage, or lease real or personal property.

The Commission must hold its initial meeting before September 1, 2015. The Commission sets regular meetings at the initial meeting and it may hold special meetings with seven-day written notice.

Explanation of Local Revenues: The bill does not make an appropriation, but rather establishes the nonreverting Professional Sports Development Fund, which is to consist of appropriations of the General Assembly; grants, gifts, and donations; interest on the Fund; and money from any other source.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Northwest Indiana Professional Sports Development Commission, East Chicago, Gary, Hammond, Michigan City, LaPorte, Portage, South Bend, Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte County, St. Joseph County.

Information Sources:

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